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The amendment filed on 8/29/06 presents newly added subject matter drawn to a non-elected invention and is considered non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The newly amended claims are not readable on the elected invention because they are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed. Specifically, claim 1 now recites at least one panel of the heat curable extruded adhesive laminate and a collapsible fuel tank formed by fusing panels together, which is not considered consistent in scope with the originally filed heat curable extruded laminate system. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Additionally, the recitation of panel renders claim 1 an improper hybrid claim since a laminate system is recited in the preamble and the body refers to a panel of which the laminate system is a part.